

**March 7, 2018 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm**

**1. Introductions**

**MBAC members present**

Co-Chairs Rebekah Scheinfeld, CDOT Commissioner and Luann Hamilton, CDOT Deputy Commissioner  
Active Transportation Alliance: Julia Gerasimenko, Jim Merrell, Steve Simmons  
CDOT: Mike Amsden, Lauren Crabtree, David Smith, Sean Wiedel, Amanda Woodall  
CDPH: Margarita Reina  
CLOCC: Gladys Hansen-Guerra, Eric Goodwin, Katherine Nিকেলে  
CMAP: John O'Neal  
FHWA: Greg Piland  
Finance: Bill Kenan

West Town Bikes: Garth Katner, Damian Lee, Alex Wilson

**Community Representatives:** Romina Castillo, Deloris Lucas, Debbie Liu, Jacob Peters, Joe Sislow

**Others present:** Christopher Allen, Anne Alt, Charles Avery, Dan Black, Benjamin Brown, Trevor Clarke, Sarah Dandelles, Stan Daniel, Sarah Dennis, George Devereuz, Melanie Eckner, Wesley Epplin, Randy Faust, Kelly Goldthorpe, Brad Gregorka, Trina Grieshaber, M. Harkenrider, Craig Jakobsen, John Tuanay Johnson, Robert Kastigar, Brendan Kevenides, Scott Long, Michael McCarthy, Matthew McMunn, Stacey Meekins, Allan Mellis, Phillip Moore, Jakub Muszynski, Michael Okelman, Reily O'Neil, Oboi Reed, Jim O'Reilly, Cindy Santana, Kathy Schubert, Tania Sebastian, Hannah Slodounik, Gabriel Sheer, Scott Smith, David Stanford, Minh Truong, Alvaro Villagran, Sarah Vogel, Lilliane Webb, Katie Witherspoon, Mary Wisniewski, Mark Woyiva, Howard Zar

**2. Approval of Minutes** – The meeting minutes from December 2017 were approved.

**3. Bike Crash/Fatality and Year-End Updates**

- a. 2016 and 2017 remained flat with any change in fatalities. A nation-wide rise in fatalities is trending over recent years.
- b. 5 of 6 cyclist fatalities in 2017 occurred in VZ west side neighborhoods.
- c. The 2016 trend of right-hook crashes involving large trucks did not repeat in 2017.
- d. 2018 shows one fatality in March.

**4. Vision Zero Update**

- a. VZ Action Plan was released in June 2017; VZWS community outreach pilot program followed through the end of 2017.
- b. 2018 initiatives include roundtable meetings for next VZWS steps, new grant applications for south side and north-west side, and a downtown policy-driven approach to safety improvements.
- c. High Crash Corridors – CDOT is drafting a framework plan for 43 HCCs, about 70 miles. Four HCC improvement programs in summer 2018 will be funded through Invest in Cook, including portions of Ashland, Western, Chicago, and Halsted.
- d. Electronic crash reporting is now in all police vehicles. Data should be available to public in spring 2018.
- e. The first High Crash Coordination Committee was held in January to bring city-wide departments together, developing approaches to understand and prevent future crashes.

**5. Ride Illinois: Bicycle Policy 2018**

- a. 2017 policy changes included legalizing drivers to pass solids center lines to safety pass cyclists. Clarification and updates on taillight policy includes that cyclists can use a reflector or taillight state-wide. Bicycling on shoulder is now legal.
- b. 2018 – A mini grant will be available for schools and driver's education programs that want to distribute the bike safety quiz. 17 elementary schools and 92 driver's programs have applied to date.
- c. The Illinois Bike Summit will be Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**6. Chaddick Institute Projects**

- a. Chaddick conducted a 2017 study about how bike laws change across IL cities. Found that few mandate helmets, fines vary, sidewalk riding is an issue everywhere. All cities were found to struggle with how to enforce bike laws.
- b. In CA there is a diversion program where in lieu of ticketing, cyclists receive citations and are required to take an online safety course.
- c. Recommendations include changing the laws toward behaviors that cyclists can safely and easily follow, such as the Idaho Stop. There is evidence that Idaho Stop is safer, but it has yet to be adopted in a major metropolitan area.

**7. Equitcity and Bicyclist Ticketing**

- a. Modification of the Equitcity MBAC presentation will be available on Equitcity blog.
- b. Equitcity is a movement to advance mobility, equity, and racial justice in black and brown neighborhoods in Chicago.
- c. Goals include improving health, creating jobs, making neighborhoods more livable.
- d. Cyclists have confided to Equitcity that they feel racially profiled while cycling in Chicago. Racial profiling of cyclists could contribute to reducing the number of cyclists on the south and west sides.
- e. Chicago Tribune has published two articles confirming racial profiling of cyclists by the CPD.
- f. Glen Brooks of Chicago Police Department invites Equitcity to meet with CPD for creating strategies and solutions.

**8. Community Representative Comments**

- a. Romina Castillo – 2017 deaths were mostly in VZWS and there is a lack of bike connections going north to south. Please keep working with the WS on infrastructure improvements and connections.
- b. Deloris Lucas – Far south side has few resources other than We Keep You Rollin' for biking and walking. The south side needs a greater inclusion of resources.
- c. Joe Sislow – Thanks to Oboi Reed and Equitcity for continuing dialogue on improvements.

- d. Jacob Peters – How do we increase equitable bicycle investments in the city?
- e. Debbie Liu – Community in the near south side is feeling displaced with gentrification.

**9. Public Comment**

- a. CDOT needs public community support to build a safe and equitable bike network. CDOT cannot advocate everyone on the behalf of themselves and needs community support to introduce new projects – there is a struggle with support on the west side. Contact your alderman and go to community meetings.
- b. West Town Bike's Circuit Plan is in the planning process.
- c. Bike Lane Uprising has documented 800+ cases of parking in the bike lane. Department of Finance takes information from 311 to guide locations of Parking Enforcement Aides.
- d. June meeting will provide updates about Weber Spurr trail, bridge development on the North Shore Channel trail, and Manor Greenway project.
- e. Active Trans will post a statement on the blog following the MBAC meeting.

**10. Adjournment**